

617 16. (Amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for a method of producing a unique modified account name based on a requested account name that has been determined to already exist, the method comprising the steps of:

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- selecting a word element from a list of word elements;
 - combining the word element and the requested account name to produce a modified account name;
 - comparing the modified account name with a list of existing account names to determine whether the modified account name is unique; and
 - if the modified account name is unique, providing the modified account name to the user for acceptance.

617 23. (Amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing a method of producing a unique random account name in response to a request by a user, the method comprising the steps of:

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- selecting a first word element from a database including a list of word elements;
 - selecting a second word element from the database;
 - combining the first and second word elements to produce a random account name;
 - comparing the account name with a list of existing account names to determine if the account name is unique; and

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if the account name is unique, providing the account name to the user for acceptance.

Please add the following claims:

31 30. A method of producing a unique account name based on a requested account name comprising:

receiving a request from a user for an account name;

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utilizing multiple solution sets to produce a listing of unique account names, wherein there is a limit to the number of iterations for which each one of the multiple solution sets is utilized, and when said limit is reached a different solution set is utilized, and wherein said list of account names must contain a fixed number of unique account names; and

presenting the user with said listing of unique names and allowing the user to select one of said listings as an account name;

said multiple solution set comprising:

a first solution set to provide at least one unique account name based on the requested account name, by combining the requested account name with a numerical seed;

a second solution set to provide at least one unique account name based on the requested account name, by combining the requested account name

B1) with a multi-digit seed if one or more previously utilized solution sets did not provide said fixed number of unique account names within the iteration limit ;

a third solution set to provide at least one unique account name based on the requested account name, by pre-pending the requested account name with an adjective from a list of words, if one or more previously utilized solution sets did not provide said fixed number of unique account names within the iteration limit; and

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3 a fourth solution set to provide at least one unique account name, by combining two word elements from two lists of words, if one or more previously utilized solution sets did not provide said fixed number of unique account names within the iteration limit.

31. A method of producing a unique random account name in response to a request by a user, the method comprising the steps of;

providing without any input or suggestion of names from the user, a list of multiple alternate unique account names; and

providing the user with the ability to select any one of said alternate unique account names, enter a new string for use as an account name or request an automated generation of a new list of multiple alternate unique account names.